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**H.B. 6321, An Act Concerning Adoption and Implementation
of the Connecticut Parentage Act**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on behalf of the Judicial Branch concerning **H.B. 6321, *An Act Concerning Adoption and Implementation of the Connecticut Parentage Act***. This bill makes significant changes to Connecticut's family law. Among other items, it adds statutes regarding the establishment of a parent-child relationship for certain individuals, voluntary establishment of parentage, assisted reproduction surrogacy agreements and proceedings to adjudicate parentage.

Although the Judicial Branch does not take a position on the policy behind the proposal, there were significant implementation concerns with the bill that was drafted last year. The Judicial Branch appreciates the willingness of the proponents of the bill to work with us over the past several months to resolve significant operational issues. We did discuss with the proponents the possibility of moving back the effective date of Sections 38 and 39 of the bill, which authorizes the filing of an action to determine de facto parentage, from January 1, 2022 to July 1, 2022. We would very much appreciate it, if this change can be made.

While the bill still presents many challenging implementation issues, the Judicial Branch will make the enormous changes to computer systems, current practices and procedures, forms, rules, and new case types, should the bill be approved by the General Assembly.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.